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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 213.007-US)In the Application of: **YE ET AL.**Serial No: **10/815,573**Filed: **APRIL 1, 2004**Title: **SYSTEM AND METHOD OF LITHOGRAPHY
SIMULATION**) Group Art Unit: **2825**) Examiner: **Kik, Phallaka**I hereby certify that this correspondence
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Dear Sir:

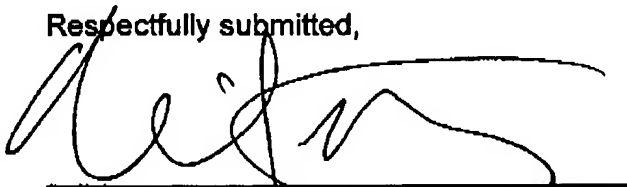
Applicants note the Examiner's reasons for allowance. No inference or conclusion should be drawn that Applicants believe that the Examiner's reasons for allowance are the only reasons the claims are patentable. Indeed, the Examiner's statements appear to focus on the independent claims and no mention is made with respect to any of the dependent claims, which include other and/or additional inventive aspects that are neither taught nor suggested by the prior art. Thus, Applicants interpret the Examiner's statement to be in no way exhaustive -- whether relative to the independent claims or the dependent claims.

Moreover, although Applicants agree with the Examiner's ultimate conclusion that the inventions, as claimed herein, are patentable over the prior art, there are many inventions described and illustrated in the above-referenced application that are not

claimed herein. Indeed, those inventions may or may not include one, some or all of the features set forth in the Examiner's statement.

Finally, although Applicants agree with the Examiner's ultimate conclusion that the prior art, alone or in combination, does not teach or suggest the claimed inventions, no inference or conclusion should be drawn that Applicants agree with the Examiner's characterization(s) of the prior art. As mentioned above, the Examiner's statement is in no way exhaustive and, as such, no inference or conclusion should be drawn that Applicants believe that the shortcomings identified by the Examiner are the only shortcomings of the prior art that are pertinent to the claimed inventions.

Respectfully submitted,



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